





To-day's  
Advertisements.

**VICTORIA PRECEPTORY.**  
A REGULAR MEETING OF THE VICTORIA PRECEPTORY will be held at the FREEMASONS' HALL, on THURSDAY, the 26th instant, at 8.30 for 9 P.M. precisely. Visiting Sir Knights are cordially invited to attend.  
Hongkong, 21st October, 1899. [1325a]

**THEATRE ROYAL, CITY HALL.**  
THE HONGKONG AMATEUR DRAMATIC CLUB, will give TWO PERFORMANCES of

Mr. A. W. PINEROS LAUGHABLE FARCE, "THE MAGISTRATE," on SATURDAY, the 4th November, 1899, and MONDAY, the 6th November, 1899, commencing EACH EVENING at 9 P.M. precisely. Dress Circle, 5s. Stalls, 2s. Pit, 1s. Half-price to Pit for Soldiers, Sailors and Police in Uniform. TICKETS can be obtained at the BOOKING OFFICE of the Theatre, City Hall, on and after MONDAY, the 30th instant, at 10 A.M. The Booking Office will remain OPEN from that date from 10 A.M. to 4 P.M. Daily. Late Trains will run 1 hour after the fall of the curtain.

E. W. MITCHELL, Hon. Secretary.  
Hongkong, 21st October, 1899. [1325b]

**TUITION IN DANCING.**  
MR. A. HAHN'S DANCING CLASSES will re-commence on 1st November next. Intending Pupils are respectfully requested to send their Applications Early in order that Time and Terms may be arranged.

A. HAHN, No. 10, Ice House Street.  
Hongkong, 21st October, 1899. [1325c]

**NOTICE FOUND.**

A GENTLEMAN has found some MONEY in a PUBLIC PLACE, which he will be pleased to RETURN to its Rightful Owner. Apply by Letter giving full Particulars to "A. H." c/o "Hongkong Telegraph."  
Hongkong, 21st October, 1899. [1325d]

**HONGKONG AND MANILA REGULAR LINE OF STEAMERS.**

FOR MANILA.

THE Steamship

"LEGASPI,"

Captain A. Vribar, is despatched as above on TUESDAY, the 24th instant, at Noon.

The Attention of Passengers is directed to the Superior Accommodation offered by this Steamer. The Vessel is fitted throughout with Electric Light.

For Freight and Passage, apply to LIZARRAGA HERMANOS, Agents, No. 6, Beaconsfield-Avenue.

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**NIPPON YUSEN KAISHA, (JAPAN MAIL STEAMSHIP CO.)**

FOR MANILA.

THE Company's Steamship

"YAWATA MARU,"

(3,800 Tons Gross, Captain A. E. Moses) will be despatched for the above Port, on FRIDAY, the 27th instant, at 4 P.M.

This new Mail Steamer is specially constructed for service in the Tropics and is provided with Superior Accommodation and with all modern fittings and improvement for the safety and comfort of Passengers. Electric Light and Refrigerator, Doctor and Stewardess carried.

Return Tickets issued by this Company are available for return by steamers of the other Lines.

For Freight or Passage, apply to A. S. MITHARA, Manager.

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**Intimation.**

A. S. WATSON & Co.,

IMPORTERS OF HIGH-CLASS

SHERRIES.

B.—SUPERIOR PALE DRY, dinner wine, Green Seal Capsule — \$10.80

C.—MANZANILLA, PALE NATURAL SHERRY, White Capsule — 12.00

CC.—SUPERIOR OLD DRY, PALE NATURAL SHERRY, Red Seal Capsule — 12.00

D.—VERY SUPERIOR OLD PALE DRY, choice old wine, White Seal Capsule — 14.40

E.—EXTRA SUPERIOR OLD PALE DRY, very finest quality, Black Seal Capsule (Old Bottled) — 20.40

B, C, and CC are excellent dinner Wines and suitable for invalids and delicate stomachs. D and E are after-dinner Wines of a very superior vintage. All are true Xeres Wines.

Sample bottles and smaller quantities will be supplied at proportionate wholesale rates.

We only guarantee our Wines and Spirit to be genuine when bought direct from us in the Colony or from our authorised Agents at the Coast Ports.

A. S. WATSON & Co., Limited, QUEEN'S-ROAD-CENTRAL.

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## The Hongkong Telegraph

HONGKONG, SATURDAY, OCTOBER 21, 1899.

## REUTER'S TELEGRAMS.

THE CALLING OUT OF THE RESERVES, &amp;c.

LONDON, October 19th.  
The calling out of the Militia came as a surprise. The call applied to 133,000 men who will be employed for replenishing the denuded garrisons.

The Army reservists responded splendidly to the call to the Colours, over 92 per cent answering the summons.

THE WAR CREDIT.

The war credit amounts to £10,000,000.

THE WAR.

The news from Mafeking is disjointed and doubtful. The latest indicates that the Boers were repulsed with heavy loss and afterwards commenced bombarding the town with Krupp guns.

The Boers are making a general advance, apparently endeavouring to envelop Ladysmith, up to the present only outpost skirmishes have occurred.

THE SOUDAN.

The expedition against the Khalifa numbers 9,000.

WEATHER REPORT.

The Observatory report says—  
On the 21st at 11.55 a.m. barometric changes are slight. High pressure extends over Central China and W. Japan, with moderate monsoon on the China coast and strong monsoon in the N. part of the China Sea. Forecast:—Moderate N.E. winds; fair.

LOCAL AND GENERAL.

It is announced in our advertising columns that Mr. A. Hahn's popular dancing classes will be recommenced on the 1st proximo.

ABDOLLA ABRAHIM CANSAMBOV, shroff of A Tak, furniture dealer, was fined \$25 at the Magistracy this morning for selling lottery tickets.

THE total number of deaths at Singapore for the week ending Saturday, 7th inst., was 154, a ratio per mille of 34.38. Fever is accountable for 51, beri-beri 23, phthisis 19 and small-pox 4.

MR. GUERITZ, one of the three Commissioners for British North Borneo, having been granted leave on urgent private affairs, Mr. Henry Walker, Commissioner of Lands, has been gazetted to the vacancy.

THE Band of the Hongkong Regiment will play at the Hongkong Hotel this evening from 8 p.m. to 9.30 p.m.:

PROGRAMME.  
March "Germania" Sommer.  
Overture "French Comedy" Jella.  
"Siegfried" Wagner.  
Selection "Requiem of Oberbach" Winterbach.  
"The Maid of Orleans" Winterbach.  
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At the Magistracy this morning, before Mr. Gompertz, Leung Fuk, a coolie, was sentenced to take his trial at the next Criminal Sessions for feloniously, together with two other persons, being armed with offensive weapons, robbing one Kung Lung Po, cowkeeper at Tsai Wan, and using violence to him, his wife and foki on the 25th ulto.

THE Selangor Turf Club met at Kuala Lumpur recently, and passed the report and accounts for the half-year ending on the 30th September. At that date, the cash balance stood at \$5,287. Sir Frank Swettenham was re-elected President of the Club. The following gentlemen were elected to form the Committee: Messrs. King, Talbot, Cumming, Maxwell, Baxendale, Hume, and Day.

WE hear that H.M.S. *Iphigenia*, upon the completion of her three years' commission, in April next, will be relieved by the second-class cruiser *Porpoise*. The latter ship is 200 tons smaller than the *Iphigenia*, but is a quarter of a knot faster and carries nine machine guns to the *Iphigenia*'s four. Otherwise the armament is identical. Both vessels belong to the *Apollo* class.

MR. R. W. ROBERTS, M.A., LL.D., F.C.H., Executive Engineer, P.W.D., and lately in the service of the Burma Railways Company, says *Indian Engineering*, has done a record in extensive travelling during his 18 months' leave from India. He has gone round the world—and over it, and in all probability has done over 54,000 miles travel. He returns to India next month. What to do? He passed in seven different languages by the High Standard!

MESSRS. Wheelock & Co., in their Shanghai freight market report, of Oct. 16th, say:—The improvement in London business, referred to in our last issue, has continued, though rates have remained unchanged. This is in contrast to New York rates which have advanced 5 per cent by Suez in consequence of shortness of available tonnage and consequent increase in demand for space. Coastwise, all steamer quotations. Coal rates have advanced. A steamer having been fixed at \$1.83 from Moji to London via Suez. The one departure during the past fortnight cleared on the 13th inst. with a large cargo from here. She is followed on the 26th inst. by the *Orestes* and *Onifia*, the latter via Marseilles, and by the *Java* on 28th instant. For New York via Suez. Since the sailing of the *Pinguey* on the 30th ult. there has been no departure owing to the *Azyl* having had to dock for repairs; she is now loading and expects to clear to-day with about 1,800 tons at 27/6. The *John Sanderson* is due here at once, and on arrival will proceed to load some 2,000 tons cement; her rate is quoted at 30/0 per ton. The *John Sanderson* has been placed on the berth and is due at the end of current month. Her rate is 32/6, and her allotment for this port 1,000 tons only, which she should have no difficulty in filling. For New York via Cape. Nothing has been chartered for this direction. The *Drumellian*, which has just completed her inward discharge, is fixed to load at Kobe, and it is possible that a few tons space may be allotted to Shanghai shippers at 20/0.

THE commission of Mr. Alexander Cook, as British Consular Agent at Sandakan, is published in the *British North Borneo Official Gazette*. The late Mr. W. B. Pryer occupied the post of Consular Agent at Sandakan for many years prior to Mr. Cook's appointment.

A CHINAMAN named Wee Ah Teng, who escaped from custody at Singapore on Tuesday, Oct. 10th, was seen in Cishin-st. afterwards by a detective. When the officer attempted to arrest him, Wee pulled out a knife and stabbed him under the ear. He got away, and as another officer tried to arrest him, he stabbed him in the abdomen, inflicting a serious wound. The man was subsequently arrested by one of the Police office peons.

A TELEGRAM received the other day by Shanghai mandarins from Nanchang, capital of Kiangsi, reports another riot, this time between R. C. converts and the people of the district city of Kueich' in that province, resulting in the destruction by fire of a number of the converts' houses. Further, that there is general animosity against the R. C. converts throughout the province, which if not put down by a strong hand will, it is feared, cause a wide-spread insurrection. Governor Sung (Manchu) intends to send troops to the scene of the disturbance. —N. C. Daily News.

A BERLIN paper publishes an interview which one of its representatives has had with an English diplomatist, who is at present travelling on the Continent. The diplomatist is reported to have stated that the terms of the agreement between Great Britain, Germany, and Portugal regarding Portuguese East Africa will be made public shortly. It will be found that the northern part of the territory will pass under German rule. Great Britain will hold Delagoa Bay and the adjacent country on a ninety-nine years' lease, and Mozambique will remain under Portuguese rule.

THE German man-of-war *Hansa* (Capt. Pohl), arrived to-day, says the *Singapore Free Press* from Kiel, *via* Aden, and exchanged salutes with the port. She is a vessel of 1,800 registered tons burden and carries 35 guns. She is the sister ship to the *Hertha*, which passed through Singapore for China last May. She has a displacement of 1,800 tons and her battery comprises 35 guns of which 10 are big and 25 small machine guns. Her engines are of the cylindrical type and taking a draft of 24 ft. 6 in., she can steam at the rate of 19 knots per hour. She carries two masts with fighting tops and there are three funnels. Including officers, the number on board is 460. The *Hansa* has been commissioned to take the place of the *Kaiser* in Chinese waters, the latter vessel having proceeded to Europe as her time had expired.

## HONGKONG JOCKEY CLUB.

The annual general meeting of the above Club was held this morning in the City Hall. Mr. D. Gilles proposed that the Hon. C. P. Chater should take the chair. There were present the stewards, the Hon. C. P. Chater, the Hon. T. H. Whitehead, Sir T. Jackson, Col. O'Gorman and Mr. J. F. Hough, secretary. Other gentlemen present were Messrs. McKie, Mansell, Graham, Tomlin, Buck, Jupp, Cropper, Lewis, G. H. Potts, R. H. Potts, Crockerham, Hanks, Herling, Johnson, Moses, Moxon, Stuart, Cox, Farmer, Capt. Mould, Lieut. Walwyn, Major Deball, etc., etc.

The secretary read the notice, convening the meeting, and the report.  
The Hon. C. P. Chater said:—Gentlemen, the published accounts have, as customary, been in your hands for some time, and I have no doubt they have been accorded your usual careful consideration. In so much as the figures are uniformly grouped under a few headings, their comparison as submitted to you to day, with those of the year preceding, will be very simple. We commenced the year under review with a Debit Balance of \$26,233.87, and closed with a Balance on the same side of \$20,472.82, an improvement on the year's working of \$5,761.05, which is very gratifying (applause). The total expenditure for the period shows a decrease of \$454.47, which includes the sum of 100 Guineas to the Challenge Cup, (applause) whilst on the Credit side, the Earnings show a material increase, especially in the item for Sale of Tickets &c., namely from \$7,679.66 to \$12,173.05. This no doubt you will consider is very satisfactory and I am sanguine that during the coming year we shall have even a further increase, under this head (applause). There are more subscription griffins applied for than last year (applause). It is a matter of pleasure and congratulation to note that among the Officers of our Regiment stationed here, there are so many who are fond of the noble sport, and will contribute in no small measure towards making the meeting a great success. Gentlemen, I will be very pleased to answer any question any gentleman may like to ask; otherwise I shall be pleased to propose that the accounts be adopted.

Mr. Hough then read the following report of Mr. G. C. Moxon re the Gymkhana meetings:—  
Conformably with the resolution passed at the annual meeting of the Jockey Club four Gymkhana were held at intervals during the past season in addition to the regimental one got up by the officers of the Royal Welch Fusiliers. The full anticipated series of five Gymkhana was not got through owing to our not being able to run the first meeting off until the end of April, the course not having been available earlier as it was opened up in places during the spring, for the purpose of laying drains; there were also postponements on account of the weather. We commenced the season with \$470 in hand, the meetings have been more than self-supporting, and the Hon. Treasurer expects that after all outstandings are disbursed there will be some \$500 to carry forward. As the last Gymkhana was only held on Saturday, the 14th inst. it is impossible for the committee to render closed accounts on this occasion.

G. C. MOXON, Hon. Sec., Gymkhana Committee.  
Mr. McKie proposed, and Mr. H. Buck seconded, that the usual Gymkhana be held under the auspices of the Jockey Club. Carried.  
The Chairman said that two or three of last year's stewards would not be able to fill their posts again, and suggested other gentlemen's names to fill the vacancies.  
Mr. McKie proposed, and Mr. Rutter seconded, that the stewards, as given by the Chairman, be nominated instead of balloted for, but Mr. Murray Bain proposed, and Mr. Rutter seconded, that Mr. Buck be elected in the place of Mr. McKie.

of Mr. Lewis, as Mr. Buck was a gentleman who had had great experience in racing and everything in connection with it.

The Chairman said that in that case the stewards would have to be balloted for. The ballot was taken, and Messrs. McKie and Cruickshank were selected as scrutineers.

Whilst the votes were being counted, the Chairman said that it had been suggested that the distance for the Championship race should be reduced from 1½ mile to 1 mile. This was the distance run in Shanghai and in other places for the Championship race, and he, himself, thought it might be adopted here. It would also add to the fees, as the entries would be larger.

On the votes being counted, the following were elected stewards for the ensuing year:—The Hon. C. P. Chater, C.M.G., the Hon. C. H. May, C.M.G., the Hon. T. H. Whitehead, the Hon. J. J. Kewick, Messrs. D. Gilles, R. M. Gray, M. Grote, J. H. Lewis and Major Morris, R.A.

This was all the business.

## THE AMERICA CUP

Numbers of people are, at present, all excitement over the race for the America Cup, which has remained in America for 48 years, and, according to telegrams lately received, it appears as if our "Cousins" will retain it for another year. Intrinsically the Cup is not worth the trouble of crossing the Atlantic for, artistically its value is considerably less, but historically its price cannot be estimated. According to news from home, the *Shamrock* is the sturdiest challenger that has ever crossed the "great fish pond" to compete for the trophy.

Many people have the history of the Cup at their finger tips, so to speak, and can rattle off the names of the yachts which have competed and the dates without hesitation, but there are some who know very little about them and could not even name the competing boats of last year, so for the benefit of the latter I will give an account of events from the beginning, which, I am sure, will be read with interest by the readers of the *Hongkong Telegraph*.

It was in 1851 that the Cup first came into existence, and not many years later the New York Yacht Club became a fact.

Commodore Stevens was the first to build a yacht to sail in British waters to try and take, as the Commodore put it, the conceit out of the Britishers. He did it, too, and surprisingly easily. The boat, which he called *America*, was something the style of a pilot boat schooner built was of 170 tons, and she made the passage from New York to Cowes in 27 days. The first yacht the *America* took on (not an arranged race) was the *Laverack*, a boat that had come out to meet the *America* to show her the way into the harbour. To see how his boat would hold her own against the Britisher, the Commodore started to race her in, and although his boat was sea-going and carried extra gear and provisions, the *America* beat the *Laverack*, notwithstanding that the latter had a couple of hundred yards start.

Now the Commodore made a mistake in beating the *Laverack*, for he could find no one to take up his challenge. However, the Queen's Cup race, in the Royal Yacht Club's regatta, was made an open event that the *America* might capture. She did, and won the Cup, beating the *Albatross* by 18 minutes.

English yachtsmen were surprised at the victory, but were more surprised at the boat's rig, for she had a big black hull, stiff, rakish masts, no topmast, but a tremendous spread of canvas. She was challenged later by the *Titania*, a 100-ton yacht, which she defeated, and sailed back to New York with the Cup. The Commodore presented it to the New York Yacht Club as a "Challenge Cup for friendly competitions between foreign nations"—the Cup is there still!

No one tried to bring back the Cup for nine years, when in 1870, Mr. Ashbury went across with his *Cambria*, a boat of 227 tons. She sailed against a whole fleet of yachts, including the *America*, but had luck attended the *Cambria*. When passing the Narrows the wind suddenly changed, the mainsail slipped, and the boat went off on the wrong tack. She rapidly made up lost ground when two yachts fouled each other in her course, and lost the race by 27 minutes behind the *Albatross*.

This caused new racing conditions, the N.Y. Club arranging that further contests should be decided by a series of matches. So in 1871, Mr. Ashbury took the *Columbia*, which sailed against the *Cambria*, and won two races of the series, the English boat winning the third by 15 mins. The *Suffolk* took up the next two races and each time easily outdistanced the English yacht.

An interval of five years elapsed before Major Gifford, of the Royal Canadian Yacht Club, took the *Countess of Dufferin* to New York. The *Madeline* was the defender, and pulled off the first three attempts.

Then five years later the Canadians made another attempt with the *Adriatic* against the *Genesta*. It failed, and so did the efforts of the *Genesta*, a beautiful boat owned by Sir Richard Sutton, which went across from England in 1885. This race was the best out of a series, and was a close thing, for the *Puritan* just scraped home in the second by 90 ticks of the clock hand of *Genesta*.

The *Galata*, the challenge of Lieutenant Henn, R.N., next went over, but only did moderately against the *Mayflower*.

Then the *Thistle*, a Scotch boat essayed the task which had proved too much for all previous boats.

The *Volunteer* took up the challenge and won easily. No more challenges were sent until 1893, when Lord Dunsany took across the magnificent yacht *Valmyrie II*. It was then arranged that the race should be the best three out of five contests. The first race was abandoned, the second lost by the *Valmyrie*, by seven minutes, and in the third the *Vigilant*, which was defending the Cup, won by 12½ minutes.

*Valmyrie II* came home only to be sunk in the Clyde by a vessel which collided with her, and then Lord Dunsany gave Mr. G. W. Watson, of Glasgow, a commission to build him *Valmyrie III*.

All that skill and good workmanship could do was put into *Valmyrie III*, but the Americans were again victorious, and took across the *Defender* in this yacht the Americans defeated their custom of using a centre board, which they believed gave a yacht better sea-going and sail-carrying capabilities in heavy weather, and built *Defender* with a "fin" keel, similar to the deep keels on English yachts.

The *Defender* spread 10,400 feet of canvas, *Valmyrie III* 11,400, a remarkable advance on *Valmyrie II* and *Cambria*, which spread 1,080 feet, and 2,105 feet respectively.

Again, however, England was doomed to disappointment. *Valmyrie III* failed to bring home the coveted cup. The first race, on September 7th, 1895, was interfered with by the excursion boats which crowded the course, and almost blanketed the races time and again, and *Defender* won by 41 minutes.

*Valmyrie III*, however, won the second race, but was disqualified on the ground that she had fouled her opponent, and the race was awarded to *Defender*. The *Valmyrie III* crossed the line first, and then the yachts fouled. *Defender*'s starboard (topmast) aboutrails were carried away. She protested, and the objection was upheld. The *Valmyrie*, it may be said, was forced off her course. *Valmyrie* won a keen race by 48 seconds. She was terribly hampered by excursion boats, had to sail through the heavy wash and choppy sea created by those vessels, and was so crowded generally that Lord Dunsany wrote to the New York Club stating that under the circumstances racing was rendered absurd, and he was risking the lives of his men and the safety of his vessel.

On the day of the third race the conditions were worse than ever. The fleet of excursion boats was enormous, and after going over the mark to give *Defender* a start Lord Dunsany put back and left *Defender* to sail over the course alone. Lord Dunsany wanted open water and could not get it.

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## HONGKONG VOLUNTEERS

## MOBILIZE.

## CAMP AT STONECUTTERS.

For once the weather, which decidedly seems to have got some grudge against "our very own" Volunteers, was propitious and the clerk of the weather vouchsafed a beautiful day for the pitching of the camp and the march in of the troops. Contrary to custom (perhaps to circumvent the aforesaid clerk) the Volunteers did not march from their Headquarters to Murray Pier, but congregated at the pier, and independently went on board the submarine mining steamer *Soleat*, which was moored alongside at 4.30 p.m. ready for the embarkation of the troops. Another smaller launch was also held in readiness for the officers and late comers and so did not start until some time after the *Soleat*.

The drum and fife band, under the command of Dr. Major Brown, and the tuition of the Royal Welsh Fusilier Drum Major, have been preparing themselves for some time past, and, as the hawfers holding the transport to the wharf were cast loose, struck up the popular military air "The Girl I Left Me" in a most spirited and efficient manner. The band entered the vessel across the bridge deep with levelling the material tones, the camp being made shortly after 5 o'clock and the men "fell in" on the grassy plot close to the powder magazine.

Most of our readers are aware that the eastern end of Stonecutters' Island is pretty level and makes an ideal spot for the purpose to which it is now being put. Though, some few might never have been on the island, they must have noticed the towers and the old prison wall that runs across the island from north to south and the level plain that lies on either side of this wall. The camp is pitched on both sides, the junior officers having the east side for their accommodation while the main body of the company tents in front, facing the mainland to the north of the harbour. Down the centre of the camp are pitched the mess tents, six large marquees abutting each other answering for this purpose, for the rank and file, the sergeants having theirs, also in line, but separate, while besides a dining saloon a bar is provided for the exclusive use of the sergeants and their friends. The men's marquees are very comfortably fixed, long tables running down the whole length of the six marquees on either side, while the forms are fixed beside the tables. We were not able to find out the most successful name but it certainly was most successful in showing the noble manner in which Chinese can put bamboo to varied uses. The Field Battery are stationed on the east side of the marquees with the Machine Gunners on the west, the remaining units lying at the back of the Maxims, with the Band and Engineer company on the first terrace of the hill adjoining. The ground being level and grassy, though terribly hard, no boards have been provided for the bottoms of the tents, but as there are very little fear of damp affecting the tents, one for the use of the cooks in their culinary operations while the other is occupied by the canteen and, considering the exigencies of the situation, the canteen is most luxuriously provided, drinks from the aristocratic champagne to Tommy's shandy being available. The management have wisely instituted "checks" instead of "chits" and Corporal Cotton and Gunner Thompson were kept pretty busy in serving out the many calls for these checks. A barber's shop is also established at the south-east corner of the camp, which no doubt will greatly tend to the smart, soldierlike appearance of the campaigners. The private boys are lodged in the disused towers, where they seemed to be most comfortably fixed. The orderly room, is a permanent brick building at the North-east Corner, where Corps Quarter-Master Sergeant Walling with his assistant, Gunner Parsons R.A., had their hands full with serving out the camp equipment and looking after the men's general comfort. Store tents are distributed in accessible positions throughout the camp, the guns being parked along the sea front on the south side. While speaking about the general arrangements made we must not forget to mention that the *Soleat*, one of the fastest and most commodious launches in the harbour, was the kindness of the R.E. authorities, by being requisitioned for transport duties, making eight runs a day between Murray Pier and Stonecutters, the first run being in the morning and the last at 10.15 at night.

The troops, about 100 strong, arrived at Stonecutters at about 5 o'clock and after being formed up in their respective companies, Captain Bland, R.A., the Corps Adjutant, told them of their tents, also informing them of the meaning of "Fatigue Drill."

On arrival at their tents the men took off their accoutrements, selected their tents and then, arming themselves with mallets started to fix the tents in proper ship-shape (excuse the expression) manner, driving in the pegs at the bottom of curtain, digging trenches round the tent and other multifarious little jobs incidental to military occupying a new camp. These jobs may not appear to be laborious, but when the ground is hard, beastly hard, and the peg-blunt, we can assure our readers no exercise is more prone to raise blisters as endeavouring to make that aforesaid peg content. Corporal Cotton, however, grasped the situation which it was evidently intended.

Corporal Cotton, however, grasped the situation which it was evidently intended. The situation was not time in providing the thirsty workers with checks so that an early visit to the canteen was possible to lay the dust. Camp "Fatigue Drill" was then commenced, and the custom the canteen received. After the men had made themselves comfortable, the bugles sounded "orders" and the senior non-commissioned officers repaired to the orderly room to copy orders for the ensuing day.

These camps of instruction no doubt are most enjoyable but it must not be forgotten that the Government find the ease and they usually want something for their

money, there is no doubt they will have full value for money in the extra efficiency attained by the volunteers by the hard work which they will be called upon to do. Revell at 3.30 a.m. Several drill at 5 a.m. and the remainder of the day filled up with different drills, suit each respective unit, while no doubt the opportunity will be taken of exercising the men in battalion movements.

After the sergeants had copied the orders into the books provided, and got their officers' signatures, they formed up their companies to read them out so that every man



pen could have put all I have said, both in my last letter and this, in a much more convincing manner.

Yours faithfully,  
PEACE.

Hongkong, October 20th, 1899.

## THE WAR IN THE PHILIPPINES.

(From Manila Papers.)

### SCOUTS AMBUSHED AT MUNTINLUPA.

MANILA, October 14th. Three companies of the Thirtieth Infantry, under Major Cheatham, were ambushed at the town of Muntinlupa, Thursday afternoon, and three men were killed, two wounded, and more than a hundred reinforcements under Colonel Boyd reached there yesterday morning, and the rebels were routed.

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## GOAT BREEDING FOR PROFIT IN FORMOSA.

Sheep do not, we believe, thrive in Formosa, any more than in Japan, says the *Formosa*, but goats do, and large flocks of these latter are kept, chiefly for their flesh, which takes the place of mutton, which it closely resembles. The variety found in Formosa is the black goat, which is smaller than the goat found in Europe and America, and is a very hardy animal. There is no reason why, if proper care were exercised in the selection of varieties, goat-breeding should not become a very profitable occupation in the island. Not alone might they be raised for the purpose of obtaining their skins and flesh, but they might be kept also for dairy purposes, and large profits made out of their milk, which can either be used as such, being particularly wholesome and nourishing, or can be converted into the most saleable cheese, such as the Roquefort, Mont d'Or, Le Sassenage, and Levroux of France and Switzerland.

## MINING RIGHTS IN JAPAN.

The question of allowing foreigners to own and operate mines having become a topic of discussion among those who are in favour of extending the right of free-hold of land to outsiders, it has come to be rumoured that the Government will submit to the 14th session of the Diet a bill amending the existing Mining Law. The *Yomiuri*, however, learns that the authorities have not yet laid these things under their consideration. The same journal is informed on the other hand that the Keizai Kenkyu Kai (Economic Investigation Association) and the Tokio Chamber of Commerce are both bringing up the subject for debate at their next meeting and that there is a division of opinion among the members of these bodies, one section holding that such a liberal policy may result in the whole of Japan becoming the property of foreigners; while the other argues that the most that may follow will be that foreigners may invest in building lands. The latter section thinks that so long as there is money in mining works, Japanese owners will not be foolish enough to part with them in favour of foreigners; but the mere extension of the right of owning them and other lands will have the effect of quieting the minds of foreigners and will become an inducement for them to invest money in Japanese enterprises in general.—*Kobe Herald*.

## TELEGRAMS.

(From all sources.)

### Fund for the Transvaal Refugees.

LONDON, October 14th. The Lord Mayor of London has opened a fund for the relief of the refugees from the Transvaal, to which large sums have been contributed.

### Threatened Points.

The points principally threatened by the Boers are Mafeking, Kimberley, and the triangular piece of Natal territory lying between the Free State and the Transvaal.

### Russia and Korea.

LONDON, October 8th. It is rumoured that it is the intention of Russia to occupy Kergan in Korea as a link between Vladivostok and Port Arthur.

### The "Scotsman."

LONDON, October 3rd. Fifty men have been arrested while engaged in looting the Dominion liner *Scotsman*, now ashore.

Altogether it is believed that from fifteen to twenty-four passengers perished in the disaster.

(From Dutch Sources.)

### THE HAGUE, October 7th.

Sir H. Campbell Bannerman and Mr. John Morley have made speeches in favour of preserving peace. They hold that on neither side is there any reason for war. Small detachments of Boers are at Botatsi between Mafeking in the Transvaal and Vryburg in the Cape Colony. The natives at Kimberley, on the frontier between Griqualand and the Orange Free State, have offered aid to the Boers, and are busy putting into a state of defence several places in the Free State. The British forces have reached Naauwpoort in Natal. The district between Ladysmith and Dundee is still without troops.

The main body of the British force in Natal is at Ladysmith. Thousands of natives are now at Johannesburg, where they are committing many deeds of violence. The Boers have marched forward beyond Mafeking. The Free State Government has detained a coal train bound for the Cape Colony. This has aroused great uneasiness in Britain.

### October 9th.

Telegrams have passed between Sir Alfred Milner and President Steyn of the Free State regarding the possibility of peace being preserved. These telegrams show that Britain refuses to withdraw the troops from the borders—a condition laid down by the Transvaal Government. General Joubert, the Commander-in-Chief of the Transvaal, has gone back to Ladysmith. He withstands the pressure on him to take the offensive. The Boers are dissatisfied with Joubert. The Free State Government has declared that it will remain on the defensive.

### Spheres of Influence in Korea.

TOKYO, October 4th. Evidently what may be regarded as a surprise to the Tokyo Government is reported from Korea. All the Foreign Ministers, with the exception of the Japanese Minister, have joined in a plan for delineating the respective spheres of influence. The plan owes its inception to the Russian Minister and was brought forward by the German envoy.

### Election Riots.

TOKYO, October 4th. A serious disturbance is reported from Saga in connection with the recent prefectural elections. Some two hundred men came into collision with the police, whom they tried to overcome by force. Some ten persons were wounded on both sides but no arrests have been made.

### The Russians at Masanpo, Korea.

TOKYO, October 4th. The Russians have bought the paddy field lying between the Masanpo beach and the foreign settlements. The exact number of tsubo is not stated, but it is known that a sum of Yen 18,000 has been paid. The Russians will fill up the land and also reclaim the beach to a considerable extent. The necessary materials have been ordered from Nagasaki. A few engineers are busily engaged in surveying the locality.

## SERIOUS PLAGUE RIOT AT KOLAHUR.

DOCTORS' RESIDENCES WRECKED. HOSPITAL FIRED.

There was a serious plague riot in Kolahur on the evening of the 7th of September, when the residence of Doctors Whynett and Gadgil were wrecked and ransacked. About 5 o'clock a Hindu boy was being conveyed in an ambulance to the plague hospital. A large crowd objected to the lad's being taken away but their opposition was resisted. Soon after, it became apparent that trouble was brewing and the shop-keepers all set about closing their shops. Later on, about three thousand mad-crazed persons assembled and marched to the plague hospital. On the way they wrecked the two doctors' houses and on reaching the hospital smashed the dispensing room and set fire to such portions of the place in which there were no patients.

## AN ECONOMIC LION BAG.

The following story comes from the Sudan—Six natives went out lion-hunting on the 17th of last month. After some hours travelling they found a likely spot, and climbed up into a tree to wait for the lions to come down to the river to drink. The first animal that appeared was an immense buffalo, and then came a lion and a lioness. On seeing the lion the buffalo went for him, and transfixing him with his horns, killed him. The lioness fled, but returned shortly afterwards with another lion to take vengeance on the buffalo for her mate's death. The newcomer, however, was discomfited by the buffalo, who also disposed of three other lions in the same manner, but was mangled in fighting that he died. All this time the hunters had remained in the tree watching the fighting, and when all was over they put the five dead lions on their camels and departed. A fine bag without firing a shot.

## TRANSVAAL BLUE BOOK.

THE VERY LATEST. The Colonial Office has now issued the latest South African Blue-book, and we (*Strait Times*) are placed in full possession of the facts relating to correspondence about political affairs in the South African Republic.

In the first section of the book, the alleged conspiracy at Johannesburg is dealt with, and the following sections deal with the South African Republic on the question of reforms.

### REFORM AND SOVEREIGNTY.

These negotiations show that a demand for a joint inquiry into the Uitlanders' grievances was made, and as the situation was most critical, Her Majesty's Government said they would be bound to assert these demands, and if necessary press them home by force. A seven years' retrospective franchise with an increase of seats was offered to get these demands waived, but a reply was sent that Her Majesty's Government was unable to perceive the objections maintained by the South African Republic against a joint commission of inquiry.

On September 2nd, a note was sent by the Transvaal Government of which the following is an extract—

That as regards the assertion of sovereignty its non-existence has, as this Government ventures to think, already been so clearly stated in its despatch of April 16, 1898, that it would be superfluous to repeat here the facts, arguments, and deductions stated therein; it simply wishes to remark here that it abides by its views expressed in that despatch. This Government could never have anticipated that their proposal would be unfavourable, and they can only continue to cherish this hope that the terms of both this and former communications will give an opening for a way through which a good understanding and a solution of existing differences may be arrived at.

Sir Alfred Milner, in a despatch to Colonial Office on August 23rd, endeavoured to clear up the essential features of the situation, and said:

What I was fighting for was not "five years' franchise retrospective," but a principle, and one which I do not think any fair person would fail to realize. That principle was simply this; the substitution of the power of self-protection on the part of the Uitlanders, through their becoming members of the State, for the imperfect protection they at present enjoy from the Convention or from whatever diplomatic action Her Majesty's Government may take, outside the Convention, for such of them as are British subjects. My idea was to enable the Uitlanders, or a large number of them, to become, if they chose, citizens of the State, exactly on the same footing as the old citizens, undertaking the same responsibilities, but endowed with the same privileges. To leave that district which, on the adoption of any reasonable terms of admission to citizenship would include—according to my estimate—at least 15,000 new citizens—with only two members, when the average throughout the Republic is about one member to every 1,000 burghers, would be to place the new element at altogether too great a disadvantage. Moreover, under ordinary circumstances, it would be at least two years before either of the seats in question became vacant. It was a necessary corollary of a large admission of new citizens in a limited area that that area should have some increase of representation, and it was equally necessary, having regard to the intense strain resulting from the prolonged dispute, that the Government and Volksraad of Uitlanders' grievances, should be heard at an early date in the ruling council of the nation.

### RIGHTS OF BRITISH SUBJECTS.

Other questions not directly connected with the Uitlanders' grievances should also be dealt with, Sir Alfred considered, specially referring to—

(1) The position of British Indians; (2) the position of other coloured British subjects; and (3) our claim that all British subjects should be entitled to treatment at least equally favourable with that of the subjects of any other nation. The latter claim has been put forward by us on many occasions, as, for instance, with regard to commandingeer, but it has never been formally admitted by the South African Republic, and unless it is so admitted now, I feel certain that we shall have grave difficulties in the future. We must not lose sight of the fact that, even in case of a satisfactory settlement of the question of citizenship, resulting in many of our subjects becoming citizens of the Republic, the number of those remaining British subjects will still be large.

### LOYAL NATAL.

The extracts are concluded with a telegram from the Governor of Natal to Mr. Chamberlain, giving expression to the feeling in the Colony and stating—

Her Majesty's Government is, and has been throughout, unanimously supported by the local Press men who approved of the retrocession of 1887 as an act of conciliation and justice; men who concurred with me in denouncing the raid; men who have valuable property in the Transvaal and have much to lose in case of war; men who

have much to gain by the maintenance of peace because their interests are bound up in commerce in the Transvaal; men who would be glad to see the maintenance of Transvaal independence; loyal Dutch subjects of Her Majesty; from men of all these categories assurances have reached me of their hearty support of the action of Her Majesty's Government, of their belief that permanent peace and prosperity can only be secured by securing equal rights and privileges of Dutch and English throughout South Africa and of their earnest desire that these should be obtained, even if necessary at the cost of war, a real and effectual settlement.

## SHIPPING REPORTS.

Captain Kynoch, of the steamship *Mausang*, from Sandakan, reports—Strong N.E. monsoon and heavy sea.

Captain Anderson, of the steamship *Fook-sang*, from Wulu, reports—Moderate to fresh N. and N.E. breeze, fine weather with cloudy sky and following sea.

Captain von Wellisch, of the Austrian cruiser *Kaiserin Elisabeth*, from San Mun, reports—Fine weather, fair, Channel of Formosa northerly winds, force 3-4, moderate sea.

## NOTANDA.

### CALENDAR.

Metereological means based on fifteen years' observations to 1895.

Barometer ..... 29.982  
Thermometer ..... 76.2  
Humidity ..... 71  
Rainfall ..... 5.794

### TO-DAY.

Saturday, 21st October, 1899.  
Chinese—17th of 9th moon of 25th year of K'uang-shi.

Sun—Rises ..... 6hr. 0min.  
Sets ..... 5hr. 30min.  
High water—Morning ..... 1hr. 30min.  
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### ANNIVERSARIES.

1805—Battle of Trafalgar.  
1861—Evacuation of Canton by the British forces.  
1877—The Shanghai and Woosung railway closed by the Chinese Government.  
1897—The British Government informed the United States that they would not open the Indian Mint.

### TO-MORROW.

Sunday, 22nd October, 1899.  
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1862—Insurrection in Greece; King Otto deposed.  
1869—Prince Alfred arrived at Shanghai.  
1871—Sir R. Murchison died.  
1875—Cosmopolitan Dock opened.  
1877—Mr. O. B. Bradford, U.S. Vice-Consul-General at Shanghai, found guilty of breach of trust in opening letters, and sentenced to fine and imprisonment.  
1887—Neutralization of the Suez Canal. Death at Saigon, of M. Fillipini, Governor of Cochinchina.

1896—Suspicious death of Mr. W. R. A. Carew, Yokohama. Piratical attack on a fishing boat near Green Island; one man killed.

## AGENDA.

### TO-MORROW.

CHURCH SERVICES.  
St. John's Cathedral:—Communion, 7 a.m., Matins, 11 a.m., Evensong, 5.45 p.m.  
Roman Catholic Cathedral:—Mass at 6 a.m., 7 a.m., 8 a.m., and 9.30 a.m. Benediction, 5 p.m.  
Union Church:—Services, 11 a.m. and 6 p.m.  
German Bethesda Chapel, West Point:—Morning Service, 11 a.m.

St. Francis' Church, Wanchai:—Mass (Chin.), 6 a.m. (Port.), 7.30 a.m. Benediction, 5 p.m.  
St. Joseph's Church, Garden Road:—Morning Service (English), 9 a.m.

St. Anthony's Chapel, West Point:—Mass, 8 a.m.  
Wesleyan Methodist Church:—Services, 10.30 a.m. and 5.45 p.m.  
St. Peter's Seamen's Church:—11 a.m. and 6.30 p.m.

## SHIPPING AND MAIL NEWS.

### MAILS DUE.

French (Amam) to-morrow.  
Australian (Changsha) 23rd inst.  
Australian (Guthrie) 24th inst.  
American (Copie) 28th inst.  
Canadian (Empress of India) 9th prox.  
American (America Maru) 11th prox.  
Australian (Chingho) 12th prox.

The C. N. Co.'s steamer *Changsha* from Australian Ports, leaves Manila for Hongkong to-day.

The steamer *Hakata Maru* (Europe Line) left Singapore for this port to-day and is expected to arrive here on the 25th October.

### HONGKONG AND WHAMPOA DOCK RETURNS.

*Isla de Cuba* ..... at Kowloon Dock.  
*Isla de Luzon* ..... " "  
*Simla* ..... " "  
*Liberal* ..... " "  
*U.S.S. Oregon* ..... " "  
*Sandakan* ..... " "  
*Pukong* ..... " "  
*May Flint* ..... " "  
*Esmeralda* ..... " "  
*Zafiro* ..... " "  
*Petrarch* ..... " "  
*D. Juan d'Austria* ..... Cosmopolitan  
*Minghai* ..... " "



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YAWATA MARU A. E. Moses	(MANILA, THURSDAY ISLAND, TOWNSVILLE, BRISBANE, SYDNEY and MELBOURNE)	FRIDAY, 27th October, at 4 P.M.
KAWACHI MARU J. T. Thompson	MARSEILLES, LONDON, and ANTWERP, VIA SINGAPORE, PENANG, COLOMBO & PORT SAID	FRIDAY, 3rd November, at Noon.

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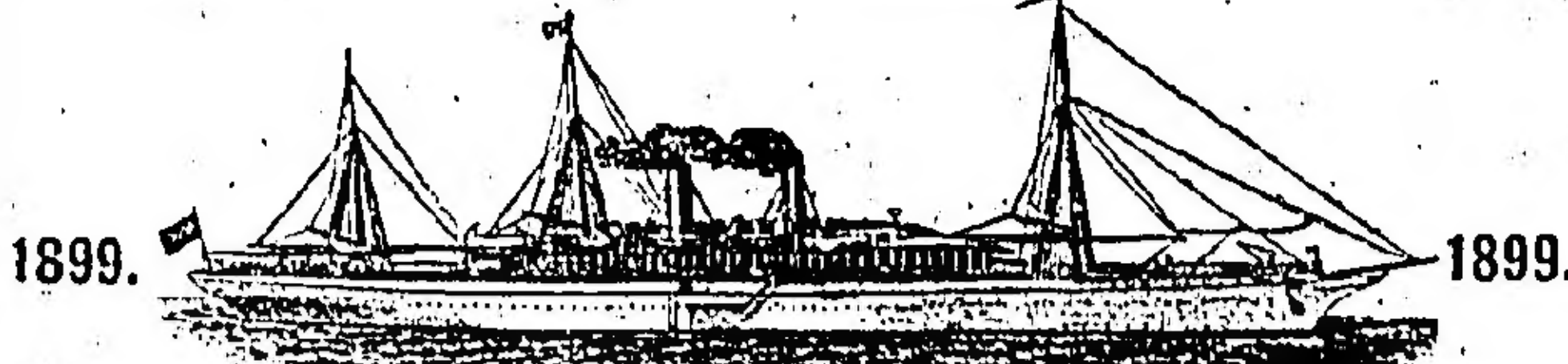
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TO SAN FRANCISCO, VIA INLAND SEA  
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## PROPOSED SAILINGS FROM HONGKONG.

AMERICA MARU (via  
Shanghai, Nagasaki,  
Kobe, Inland Sea,  
Yokohama & Hono-  
lulu) Tuesday, 14th Nov.,  
at Noon.HONGKONG MARU (via  
Shanghai, Nagasaki,  
Kobe, Inland Sea,  
Yokohama & Hono-  
lulu) Saturday, 9th Dec.,  
at Noon.NIPPON MARU (via  
Shanghai, Nagasaki,  
Kobe, Inland Sea,  
Yokohama & Hono-  
lulu) Wednesday, 3rd Jan.,  
1900, at Noon.THE Steamship  
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SHANGHAI, NAGASAKI, KOBE, INLAND  
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*SIBIRIA	HAVRE and HAMBURG	About 19th November
Braun	(LONDON with transhipment in HAMBURG)	About 19th November
BAMBERG	HAVRE and HAMBURG	About 28th November
Mayer	(LONDON with transhipment in HAMBURG)	About 28th November
*KONIGSBERG	HAVRE and HAMBURG	About 10th December
Christensen	(LONDON with transhipment in HAMBURG)	About 10th December
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Nagasaki, Kobe, In-  
land Sea, Yokohama  
and Honolulu) Saturday, 4th Nov.,  
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land Sea, Yokohama  
and Honolulu) Thursday, 30th Nov.,  
at Noon.

Doric (via Shanghai,  
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Hongkong, 10th October, 1899.

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Hongkong, 20th October, 1



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## DADDY JACK &amp; DADDY JIM.

BY  
M. E. FRANCIS,  
(Author of "In a North Country Village,"  
"Dan," etc., etc.)  
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## PART II.

The sod had been green on Maggie's grave for nearly three years, and the little wench was a well-known personality in the neighbourhood of the Upper Farm. A sturdy little monkey, standing firm on her plump brown legs, and taking notice of her small world with a pair of bright dark eyes that might have been Maggie's own. "Sharp?" said her grandmother, "Eh, hoo is that. There's nought hoo doesn't know, I welly believe. 'T'other day, soombody axed her wheer hoo coomed for an' who her mother wur. Ah hoo tells 'em as hoo lives at the Upper Farm. 'I haven't got no mother,' hoo says, 'but I've two daddies,' hoo says. Ah, hoo told us all about it when hoo coom whoam. Did yo' ever hear sich a tale?"

"Two daddies," says hoo.

"Daddy Jack" and "Daddy Jim" were indeed little Curly's devoted slaves. (She had been christened Maggie after her mother, but the members of the bereaved household found it as yet difficult to pronounce that once familiar name, and so the little wench was generally called Curly.) In allusion to the thick wavy golden-brown crop which adorned her little round head.

She slept in her grandmother's room, so Daddy Jack had generally the first of the day's enjoyment. She would crawl out of her cot on to the big bed with early dawn, creeping cautiously over Mrs. Buxton's sleeping form, and snuggle close to Daddy Jack, beseeching sundry attentions on him, which a less good-humoured or affectionate man would have found a trifle trying. But he only smiled sleepily when she pulled open his eyes, and patted his nose, and twisted his whiskers, imprisoning the dimpled little tormenting hand.

"Eh, thou'rt a little rogue, thou art! Why the birds are not wakened up yet. Whativer will thy gronny say? See, coom in here wi' thee—thou'rt welly starved wi' coowd—thy little feet's near perished."

Sometimes Curly accepted the invitation, but more frequently she declined, first by vigorous shakes of the mop aforesaid; then by little muttered remonstrances, and finally by shrill defiance, which ultimately awakened her grandmother, who thereupon invariably petted her, and scolded Daddy Jack, a state of things of which "the little wench" entirely approved.

"The poor innocent knows no better," Mrs. Buxton would grumble. "But a body 'ud think the'd ha' more sense, nor to be encouragin' her sich ways.... See, lovel, get under th' blankets, do. Eh, hoo's as cowd! I wonder at this, Jack, that I do! Thou might know better. The child's got no sense."

I got no sense, Curly echoed reprovingly one day, crossing one leg over the other, and looking severely at her grandmother, in which Jack's lecture was cut short for once, and the old pair chuckled and winked at each other in equal capture. "Sense indeed," as Jack remarked, "hoo's more nor a many grown men!"

When Curly's toilet was completed, Daddy Jim's innings began. She sat on his knee at breakfast, and ate occasionally out of his plate; she rode on his shoulder afterwards, when he went his round of the shippens and pigsties, varying that form of exercise by an occasional jaunt on the back of a cart-horse, or even a cow. Once indeed, she insisted on riding a pig, and after a sharp altercation carried her point; Daddy Jim selected a matronly and safe old lady for her steed, and placed his folded coat for Curly to sit on. But the experiment was not a success—both Curly and the coat speedily slipping off into the mire.

The little maid was always seen with one or other of her daddies; and not unfrequently with both. The two men accommodating their paces to her little toddling steps, and stepping awkwardly side-way that she might cling to a finger of each.

When she had chicken-pox they nearly went mad, especially as kindly neighbours were not wanting sympathetic suggestions that happen her mother were callin' her. Hoo wanted her up yonder, very like, an' hoo'd coom fur her. However, these predictions were not realized. And luckily for the peace of mind of the two daddies, no other childish maladies found their way to the Upper Farm.

The days passed quietly and peacefully, Jim went on working for his father-in-law, as he used to do during his brief wedded life, and Mrs. Buxton washed, and mended him, and "did for him," and occasionally "barged at him," almost as poor Maggie herself might have done. But it wasn't the same. "Eh dear no," as Jim often sighed to himself. "There's a deal of difference. Eh, Maggie!"

No one could say that he fretted much. The neighbours thought he bore up wonderfully. He was a man of few words, and never mentioned his wife; when he spoke of her, it was in his way to the church door, he looked the other way. But he missed her in his dull, uncomplaining, unreasoning fashion, at every turn, in every hour. Only Curly had power to chase away the vague pain—only her sunny baby presence could fill the void.

When Curly was more than halfway through her third year, an event occurred which stirred the placid current of her daddies' lives.

It was on a Sunday in June, a Sunday so warm and bright, that the eyes of the congregation were turned to the church windows, through which the sky appeared very blue, and the woods very green and enticing. It was so warm that the sermon had had rather a soporific effect, and one or two prayer-books slipped out of the owners' hands long before the Rector had come to "Thirteenth."

Well, service was over, and dinner was over, and Daddy Jack was smoking on the bench outside the door, digesting his roast beef, and dosing now and then. Mrs. Buxton was reading "Let's Annals" (which always came out on Sunday) in the parlour, and Curly was fast asleep on the borschair sofa with her legs covered by a shawl.

Daddy Jim strolled down the path a little way just to pass the time. He was disappointed that the little 'un should have selected, to take her nap just then, but it was good for her, no doubt. Very like it was—but it was lonesome here in the field without her. He sauntered on, switching at the hedge, and whistling. Presently the sudden turn in the path, described before, brought him in sight of the high road, and the little leading to it. And who might it be that was sitting on the stile? A buxom girl in a bright blue dress, with reddish hair much frizzled, and a very fine hat indeed, a hat with as may ribbons, and flowers, and feathers, as could possibly be piled on it. The young woman's whole "get up" was so smart, and the difference between it, and her ordinary weekday attire so great, that it was not until he was quite close to her that Jim recognized Annie Davis, the daughter of the farmer who had recently come to live in the village.

"Good afternoon," observed Jim, passing with a nod and grin of greeting.

"Nice day, Mr. Norris," replied Annie.

Jim looked up at the sky, then at the feathers in Annie's hat, and then, casually, at the face beneath the pleasant face enough, snub-nosed, red-cheeked, freckled, with bright, rather

bold blue eyes. The eyes had pink rims to them to-day, though, and the sandy lashes stuck together. Annie Davis had been crying.

Jim realized the fact by slow degrees, and also observed that the girl, though she had responded to his greeting, did not seem to care to pursue the conversation, continuing to drum on the step of the stile with her foot, and to gaze disconsolately down the road.

A smile crept gradually over his face. He opened his mouth as though to speak, shut it again, and then winked to himself. He was thinking of making a joke, and a joke was no light matter to him, and could not be undertaken without due preparation. He had very nearly got it now, though.

A tear welled up in the corner of Annie's eye, and rolled slowly down her round red cheek.

"Hasn't he coom?" asked Jim, ready at last and grinning with glee.

"Who?" queried Annie pettishly.

"Why, him. Him as yo're lookin' out fur."

Now as it happened, he hadn't come, and Annie had good cause to fear that he had no intention of coming. Annie had had a quarrel with him on the Sunday before, and she had announced her intention of "giving over keeping company" with him, parting from him indeed, with the assurance that he needn't ever come asking her to go out with him again, for she had walked her last with him. Nevertheless, when the end of the week came she had cooled down a good deal, and was, in fact, quite ready to forgive her swain when he came, as she expected, to be once more restored to favour.

She had taken up her position on the stile, which commanded a good view of the road usually taken by Sunday couples, and had there waited for the young man—waited first smilingly, then anxiously, then furiously, then despairingly. Jim's jo'lar query was the last drop in an already full cup: Annie began to sob in good earnest.

Jim could not leave off smiling all at once, partly because he was enchanted to find that his surmise was correct, and partly because he thought he had said a very funny thing! But presently he began to feel sorry for the girl. He leaned against the fence, and looked at her compassionately.

"If I wur yo' I'd give over," he remarked.

"I would, fur sure. There's a many lads i' th' parish."

The corners of Annie's mouth began to go up, and she gave her head a little toss.

"Well," she said coquettishly, "an' who said there was no?"

Jim was nonplussed for a moment, quickness of repartee not being his strong point. But after pushing back his hat, and scratching his head—processes which always seemed to brighten his intellect—he observed—

"A mon 'ud think to see yo' as there wur but one lad i' th' place, an' he wur a bad 'un."

Annie began to laugh, loud and long, after the manner of young persons of her standing; and Jim, charmed at his own brilliancy, joined her. Their mirth was at its height, when a couple came sauntering down the road, at the sight of whom the girl suddenly changed her note. It was no other than her own particular young man, who now strolled leisurely past, arm-in-arm with her most special enemy. On they came, talking very eagerly, and laughing a great deal. The young man exceedingly affectionate to the new love, as with the corner of his eye, he caught sight of the blue draperies of the old, fluttering behind the hedge; the maiden cool and witty. Jim meanwhile was still cheerfully chuckling.

"Eh, a body 'ud think as he wur a bad 'un!" he repeated, quite unconscious of the proximity of the person in question.

"An' they think soot," cried Annie, with flashing eyes. He was actually passing without a sign of recognition. "But as yo' were sayin', there's more a lad i' th' parish."

"There is," agreed Jim, "an' good 'uns too. Eh, a lass same as yo' has no need to tuck up wi' wasters!"

The couple were out of hearing, now, but one or two words were approaching, and Annie, whose blood was up, determined to prove to all her acquaintances that she was not depressed by her lover's desertion.

"There's yo' self!" to start wi', Master Norris," she said, her rosy cheek dimpling, and her snubnose cocking itself knowingly as she smiled.

"Well," said Jim. "That is a good 'un!"

"Wunnot yo' set down a bit?" enquired Annie. "There's lots o' room, an' settin's as cheap as standin'."

The top was rather narrow for two, but with a good deal of giggling they managed to balance themselves.

It was very pleasant there; sunny and warm, with the scent of the clover strong in their nostrils, and the breeze rustling through the tall green wheat. Jim sat placidly beside Annie, listening to her rollicking talk and laughter, and putting in an occasional monosyllable. The neighbours, passing by, stared and nudged each other, and made smiling half-audible comments.

"So that's it, is it?" Well, he is but a young chap."

"Jim's in luck," and so forth.

Jim added words to his sick, and looked over their heads, and then drew a long stalk of grass from the rank growth beneath the hedge, and chewed it.

But by-and-by, the sound of a well-known voice coming from the opposite direction made him start. What should come rolling round the hedge, but the portly figure of Daddy Jack!

"Hallo," said Jim, tumbling off the stile and looking rather foolish.

Jack paused, took a long frowning survey of Annie, and then advanced more rapidly.

"Art thou comin' to thy day?" he enquired as soon as he was near enough.

"Is it ready?"

"Is it ready? I should think it wur ready, an' it gone five. What han'ys' gate here?"

"Eh, nought to speak on."

"Well then, coom on wi' thee. Th' missus could na think whate'er coom to thee. Who may yo' wench be?"

"Annie Davis, I believe."

"Thou cannot say fur sure, I s'pose. Well, hoo's no beauty as hoo is."

"Hoo's reet enough," retorted Jim, the spirit of opposition roused within him by his father-in-law's tone.

"Good afternoon, Annie," he called, nodding over his shoulder.

"Good day to yo', Master Norris, an' thank yo' for company."

"Daddy Jack and Daddy Jim marched off, each for the first time in their simple lives on bad terms with the other. Jack, indignant at what he took to be a slight to Maggie's memory, Jim, furious at his injustice, but determined not to be put upon. They walked on in silence at first, but the elder man presently paused, producing the soft earth with his stick.

Jim went on, without turning his head.

"Hoy!" shouted Daddy Jack. "Coom back ere, I want 'ee." His son-in-law retraced his steps.

"Thou's started company-keepin', I see," said Jack.

"Who says that?" growled Jim, borrowing a leaf from Annie's book.

"I say. What art thou settin' o' stiles along wi' wenchers fur, if thou has na a mind to keep company?"

"There wur'n nought no wench," replied Jim stolidly.

"Nobbut one! An' that's enough, sure. Thou does na reckon to coort moor nor one at a time?"

"Well an' what if I wur settin' o' a stile wi' wench?"

"Well, that's what I say; thou's coopty-keepin'!"

"I wunnot say whether I am or not," cried Jim angrily, "but I'll say as I wunnot be brieded at!"

"My word, Jim, I'll barge if I've a mind to, I tell thee I'm not the mon to start countin' my words at this time o' th' day. Nay, I see how it is w' thee. Thou cares nought fur our Maggie, nor our Maggie's folks. Thou's taken up wi' yo' own illfavoured impudent lass o' Davis's, an' thou thinks to set her i' our Maggie's place. But I tell 'ee, my lad, thou needs na think o' fetchin' her up i' our house. Hoo's no place there, an' thou's na no place there if thou goes coortin' other wenchers. Thou coom pack up, bog and baggage, an' tak' thyself, soomwhere else. We wunnot want Annie Davis's chap up yonder—w'e'n nobbut kep' thee fur bein' our Maggie's husband."

"Well, an' if yo' have kep' me yo' have not kep' me for nought," put in Jim, all his pride in arms. "I've worked 'ard, and added my mate if ever mon did. But I'll not be beholden to no one. I coon find some little nook as 'ull do fur Curly an' me."

"Curly!" cried the grandfather. "Eh, did I ver a body sich a thing! Thou's thinkin' to tak' Curly off us! Nay, nay, we're noan sich fools as to let her go. Thou can go if thou cannot do wi' out the coortin' an' company keepin'—but we's kep' th' little wench."

Jim rolled his head from side to side, and snored.

"We'll see that. Hoo's my wench. Coom? Dost thou reckon hoo is or no?"

"Aye, hoo is thy wench reet enough, but hoo's Maggie's wench too, when all's said an' done, and Maggie wur mine, th' only child I ever had. Eh, my word it seems as if 'twere nobbut o' other day as our Maggie were trottin' about just same as th' little 'un yonder."

"Ah," he added in a softened tone, "I like as if I could see her now—in a little yaller dress hoo had, an' her white pinnies all full o' flowers. Jim was allus fair mad about flowers."

Jim began to talk, slowly, with head a little bent. Jack followed, talking half to himself.

"An' hoo'd coom runnin' to meet me just the same as Curly might do now, wi' th' little curls tressin', an' th' little legs welly flyin', an' soon as ever hoo'd see me hoo'd strike out, 'Daddy, daddy, Eh, dear o' me! To think hoo's layin' in her grave now!'"

Jim quickened his pace, but not a word said he.

But it's nought to thee as hoo 'tis. Thou's a fawty fur summat new. Maggie wur a good lass to thee but hoo's dead now, an' thou speeks to give th' little 'un a step-mother. Hoo's better her little 'eart—an' th' missus yonder—'t'll go near to kill her—but thou cares nought. Nay—thou'lt ha' thy Annie Davises as 'ull never do fur the little wench same as us. Hoo'd be shovin' 'er ere an' there out of the road, an' knockin' 'er about as like as not. But I tell 'ee what it is, lad—thou may ha' thy Annie Davises to thyself—hoo'll ha' noan of our little 'un—we's keep her."

Jack nodded his head looking determined. His face was red with anger and agitation, the veins in his forehead swollen, and he spoke loudly and disjointedly for he was breathless, but with eagerness, partly because he was obliged to walk quickly to keep up with Jim. But in spite of his withering emphasis in alluding to Annie—numbering her name in the plural by way of denoting greater sarcasm and scorn—anyone who knew him would have guessed that for all his lofty air the tears were not very far off.

They were nearly home now, and suddenly Curly's little figure appeared trotting towards them, and her voice was heard uttering ecstatic cries of welcome.

Jim broke into a run, and stretched out his arms.

"Nay, little lass, coom to Daddy."

"Coom, cried Jack, hoarsely, following Jim at a kind of hobbling canter. "Don't 'ee go to him, Curly, coom to Daddy Jack. Daddy Jack loves thee. Daddy Jack 'ull do aught i' th' wold fur thee."

Daddy Jack and Daddy Jim!" cried Curly running from one to the other with little screams of laughter, and thinking it the best fun in the world. But the two men were tremendously in earnest.

"Eh, Curly, hasto ne'er a kiss fur thy own daddy?" pleaded Jim.

"Nay, coom thy ways to me, little wench," cried Jack, who was fast losing every vestige of self-control. "Coom. Daddy Jim cares nought fur lasses as have no blue e'en an' red cheeks. He's gotten a new lass—he wants none o' thee's now."

Curly paused, pouted, looked from one to the other of the angry faces, and finally uttered a loud wail, announced that she wouldn't have have no daddy at all, an' sh'd tell her gronny she would. She went away, whimpering, and Jim turned round with a countenance working with fury.

"Ah, an' thou'd happen like to bit me now?" suggested Jack, nothing the clenched fist.

"I would," said Jim. "An' I'd do 't' too to any other man. Thou—thou didn't need to say these things to th' little lass."

There was a quaver in his voice, but Daddy Jack would have said he was softened.

"It wur nobbut truth," he said.

"It is na truth," shouted Jim, "and thou knows as—"

"I know as well as Annie Davis—"

"Don't Annie Davis," interrupted Daddy Jim, with an indignant sob.

Daddy Jack's countenance cleared, and stepping hastily forward, he clasped Jim heartily on the shoulder. Then he drew back a little way, and looked at him with a kind of respectful admiration.

"Well Jim," he said, slowly. "Thou cannot say no fairer than that. Naw, thou cannot, lad. They say o' thyself, 'Don't Annie Davis,' says thou, and 'Don't her,' says I, an' nobody can say more. Eh, shake hands, mon. Thou'rt a good lad, Jim, when all's said an' done."

He grasped Jim's hand warmly, and the two faced each other a moment in silence, a big tear rolling down the old man's cheek, and Jim's broad chest heaving.

Presently Curly peeped round the corner.

"Daddy Jack!" she said, advancing slowly, all ready to whimper again at the slightest provocation.

Daddy Jack loosed his grip of her father's hand and clasped his own together.

"Jest in time, little wench! Hurry now—run to Daddy Jim."

"Basil Jackson" who had frequent opportunities of observing the Iron Duke during the terrible Sunday of Waterloo said that the only sign of nervousness he betrayed was moving in and out of the folds of the powerful flag which he made use of. English telescopes of the period were so much superior to French ones that they were considered a great prize when captured. In one of Wellington's battles against Soult he was able to read that very able general's intentions by his gestures to a little de Camp, and accordingly took prompt measures to counteract his plans; and years afterwards when they were both old men he astonished the Marshal by telling him how he defeated him.

## THE BEAUTY OF RACE.

[BY A. M.]

Italian eyes are beautiful for the simplicity of the shape of the eyes rather than for the colour, which is almost always one shade too dark, so that the pupils are not distinguishable, and the variety of those two and different concentric circles is lost. But the eyelids are drawn with the single sweep that used to be taught in the copies set in drawing-books. An uncomplicated line, along corner where the light folds gather smoothly to their close—these are the signs of the Italian eyes, set, as it were, at leisure in an ample width.

That even curve, with one intention, is most unlike to the contracted, deferred, and contradicted curves of the most celebrated eyelids in all portraiture. I mean the hampered eyelids, of subtle and yet violent outlines, in the narrow head of Philip IV. of Spain. See how the jostled forms of those shortened eyes make themselves room, and hollow their way side-long, and droop asleep. Velasquez had their trick and their intricate perspective.

But even with bones less bent, less strict, less compressing than those which underlie the calm of this ambiguous face, few are the brows heard enough, except in young America and Italy, to let the eyelids draw that simple curve. Nay, some of the interest of eyes of mingled races is in some minor interruption of the line, some slight complexity that opens an irregular shape, broader at this point, drooping at that with a noble gravity. Strange is it that the intellectual eyelids should be these complex eyelids of the narrow head, whereas the broad brows rise over the simply-drawn eyes of mere intelligence.

Simply drawn, too simply coloured, as I have said, this healthy Southern eye (or all but), round and sharp, in unsoftened contour, two colours in all, and a shape that might be drawn by heart with a little practice; it needs much beauty to make this eye charming, but the beauty is seldom lacking. I compare it with the many-coloured eye of a girl whose cheek has an innocent red, and whose hair is so fine that it floats on the smallest breezes. Not here is the pupil swallowed up in the dark colour of the iris, and not only is it a clear and significant spark of black, but round the iris of broken brown and grey is a dark outer ring, and the eyelids, deep above and deeply open, sudden severe, tragically and humorously, down to their abrupt corners. Colour and spirit are here, and the point of expression. In the black eyes with indistinct pupils there is no point in the look, but one broad, general, single eloquence, one thing at a time, with a dramatic childlikeness that is all southern. But one beauty, too, is southern, and only found in its perfection among out-of-door people living in the sun—the blue whites that not even the clearest eyes in England show—those sons of the north who mend their nets on the coast of Bambergh and Holy Isle. Nor have I ever seen blue whites with blue eyes.

These are signs of race which everyone knows by heart—colours which race-lays up in the families of man, and redoubles in his children as though brown were laid upon brown and dark upon dark with a velvet pencil; or which race, again, shatters into a thousand degrees, and scatters in gradations across a continent, as in the brown hair of nations. How many heavens, and how beautiful! the cool and the warm, with all the tones of each, and the waves of one familiar colour all men have eyes. It is the variety of construction that they have hardly learned to know the race by. Shoulders, and their carriage, for instance, have had many a local history. The East, which does not change, has kept the rules of proportion sung by the poets; but Europe has broken more than once with its traditions; and once was when the Greco-Roman mended Medici to make laws for half the civilized world until she had persuaded all the civilized world that she was the only one to be followed. The East, which does not change, has kept the rules of proportion sung by the poets; but Europe has broken more than once with its traditions; and once was when the Greco-Roman mended Medici to make laws for half the civilized world until she had persuaded all the civilized world that she was the only one to be followed.

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Optional Cargo will be forwarded unless  
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No Claims will be admitted after the Goods  
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undelivered after the 24th instant, will be subject  
to rent.

All broken, chafed and damaged Goods are to  
be left in the Godowns, where they will be  
examined on TUESDAY, the 24th instant,  
and THURSDAY, the 26th instant, at 9.30 A.M.  
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Undersigned.

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## The Share Market.

### LATEST QUOTATIONS.

(October 21st.)

#### Banks.

Hongkong and Shanghai Banking Corporation — 333 per cent. prem.  
 The Bank of China & Japan, Ltd.—(Preference) nominal.  
 The Bank of China & Japan, Ltd.—(Ordinary) 1/2 buyers.  
 The Bank of China & Japan, Ltd.—(Deferred)—1/5 buyers.  
 National Bank of China, Ltd.—\$28.  
 Do. Do. —\$28.

#### Marine Insurance.

Union Insurance Society of Canton, Ltd.—\$242.  
 China Traders' Insurance Co., Limited—\$604.  
 North China Insurance Co., Ltd.—Tls. 200.  
 Yangtze Insurance Assoc. Ltd.—\$121.  
 Canton Insurance Office, Ltd.—\$137.  
 Straits Insurance Co., Ltd.—\$5.

#### Fire Insurance.

Hongkong Fire Ins. Co., Ltd.—\$330.  
 China Fire Ins. Co., Ltd.—\$88.

#### Shipping.

Hongkong, Canton, & Macao Steamboat Co., Ltd.—\$30.  
 Indo-China Steam Navigation Company, Ltd.—\$80.  
 China and Manih S.S. Co., Ltd.—\$90.  
 Douglas Steamship Co., Ltd.—\$471.  
 China Mutual S. N. Co., Ltd.—(Preference)—1/9 buyers.  
 China Mutual S. N. Co., Ltd.—(Ordinary)—1/5 buyers.  
 China Mutual S. N. Co., Ltd.—(Ordinary)—1/3 buyers.  
 Star Ferry Co., Ltd.—\$194.

#### Refineries.

China Sugar Refining Co., Ltd.—\$135.  
 Luxon Sugar Refining Co., Ltd.—\$54.

#### Mining.

Punjong Mining Co., Ltd.—\$9.  
 Do. Preference Shares—\$2.  
 Société Française des Charbonnages du Tonkin—\$245.  
 Queen Mines, Limited—\$0.45.  
 Jebleu Mining and Trading Co., Ltd.—\$147.  
 Raub Allian Gold Mining Co., Ltd.—\$641.  
 Olivers Freehold Mines, Ltd.—(A) \$11.  
 Olivers Freehold Mines, Ltd.—(B) \$6.50.  
 Great Eastern and Caledonian Gold Mining Co., Ltd.—\$180.

#### Docks, Wharves and Godowns.

Hongkong & Whampoa Dock Co., Ltd.—\$15.  
 Hongkong and Kowloon Wharf and Godown Company, Limited—\$90.  
 Wanchai Warehouse and Storage Co., Ltd.—\$45 buyers.

New Amoy Dock Co., Ltd.—\$184.

#### Lands, Hotels and Buildings.

China Provident Loan and Mortgage Co., Ltd.—\$9.50 buyers.  
 Hongkong Land Investment and Agency Co., Ltd.—\$105.  
 Kowloon Land and Building Co., Ltd.—\$28.  
 West Point Building Co., Ltd.—\$30.  
 Hongkong Hotel Co., Ltd.—\$120.  
 Humphrey's Estate and Finance Co., Ltd.—\$10.

#### Miscellaneous.

Green Island Cement Co., Ltd.—\$29.  
 China Borneo Co., Limited—105 buyers.  
 A. S. Watson & Co., Ltd.—\$6.75.  
 Hongkong Electric Co., Limited—\$13.  
 Hongkong Rope Manufacturing Co., Ltd.—\$189.  
 Geo. Fenwick & Co., Ltd.—\$241.  
 Hongkong Ice Co., Ltd.—\$127.  
 Hongkong High-Level Tramways Co., Ltd.—\$147.  
 Dairy Farm Co., Limited—\$6.  
 Hongkong & China Bakery Co., Ltd.—\$25.  
 Campbell, Moore & Co., Ltd.—\$15 buyers.  
 Bell's Asbestos Eastern Agency, Limited—£1 nominal.  
 Bells Asbestos Eastern Agency, Ltd.—\$5.  
 Carmichael & Co., Limited—\$8.  
 Hongkong Cotton Spinning, Weaving and Dyeing Co., Ltd.—\$60.  
 Ewo Cotton Spinning & W. Co., Ltd.—Tls. 66.  
 International Cotton M'fg. Co., Ltd.—Tls. 75.  
 Loou-kung-mow Cotton Spinning & Weaving Co., Ltd.—Tls. 77.  
 Soy Chen-mow Cotton Spinning Co., Ltd.—Tls. 350.  
 Yauhsong Cotton Spinning Co., Ltd.—Tls. 350.  
 Tebrau Planting Co., Ltd.—\$4 per share.  
 Tebrau Planting Co., Ltd.—\$5.  
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## OPIMUM QUOTATIONS.

### Hongkong, 21st October.

New Patna .....	930	per chest.
New Benares .....	910	
New Malwa .....	860	per picul.
Old Malwa .....	875	
Persian, paper tied .....	800	

Bank Bills, on demand 1/10 15/16	
Credits, 4 months' sight 11/11	
Dinets, 4 months' sight 11/11	
ON BERLIN (demand) .....	M. 1958
ON PARIS, Bank Bills, on demand .....	24 1/2
Credits, 4 months' sight .....	24 1/2
ON NEW YORK, Bank Bills, on demand .....	46 1/2
Credits, 30 days' sight .....	47 1/2
ON LOMBARD, Telegraphic Transfer .....	141 1/2
On demand .....	142 1/2
ON SHANGHAI, Telegraphic Transfer .....	72 1/2
Private, 30 days' sight .....	73 1/2
ON YOKOHAMA (demand) .....	10 1/2
Sovereigns, Bank's Buying Rate .....	\$10.47
Gold Leaf 100 touch, per oz .....	\$4.25
Bar Silver .....	26 1/2
Dollars .....	33 per cent. prem.

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VESSELS IN PORT.	
Steamers.	
BRECONSHIRE, British steamer, 2,323, Elliott, 8th Oct.,—Colombo 20th Sept., Ballast.—Doddwell & Co.	
CHOWFA, British steamer, 1,050, J. Williamson, 18th Oct.,—Bangkok 9th Oct., and Koh-siung 11th General.—Butterfield & Swire.	
CHUNGSANG, British steamer, 1,474, E. J. Liller, 16th Oct.,—Java 7th Oct., Sugar.—Jardine, Matheson & Co.	
CULGOA, American transport, 1,140, Comdr. J. W. Carlin, U.S.N., 20th Oct.,—Manila 17th October.	
DAPHNE, German steamer, 1,292, Th. Nissen, 13th Oct.,—Mojil 8th Oct., Coal.—Siemssen & Co.	
DEUTEROS, German steamer, 1,001, E. Petersen, 15th Oct.,—Saigon 11th Oct., Rice.—Siemssen & Co.	
DR. HANS JURG KIER, Norwegian steamer, 691, H. Lersbryggen, 13th Oct.,—Yokohama 6th Oct., Ballast.—Haring, Buschmann & Menzell.	
EASTERN, British steamer, 3,586, Wintthrop Ellis, 18th Oct.,—Kobe 13th Oct., General.—Gibb, Livingston & Co.	
ELSE, German steamer, 904, F. Petersen, 17th Oct.,—Samarang 5th Oct., Sugar.—Siemssen & Co.	
EMPRESS OF CHINA, British steamer, 3,003, R. Archibald, R.N.R., 4th Oct.,—Vancouver, B.C., 12th Sept., and Shanghai 1st Oct., Mails and General.—C. F. R. Co.	
ESMERALDA, British steamer, 966, A. R. W. Cobban, 17th Oct.,—Manila 14th Oct., Hemp and Cigars.—Shewan, Thomas & Co.	
HAIHING, British steamer, 1,267, A. E. Hodgins, 20th Oct.,—Fochow 17th Oct., Amoy 18th, and Swatow 19th, General.—Lapack & Co.	
HAKUA, M.R., Japanese steamer, 1,419, M. Nishimura, 10th Oct.,—Swatow 18th Oct., Tea and Brick, &c.—Nippon Yusen Kaisha.	
HANOI, French steamer, 738, Pannier, 19th Oct.,—Haiphong and Hoihow 18th Oct., General.—A. R. Marty.	
LEGAZPI, Spanish steamer, 586, Antonio Tribar, 20th Oct.,—Manila 17th October, Leather.—Order.	
MACAWA, British steamer, 995, J. E. Farrell, 18th Oct.,—Samarang 11th October, Rice.—Butterfield & Swire.	
MALACCA, British steamer, 2,615, E. G. Andrews, 20th Oct.,—London 9th Sept., and Singapore 14th Oct., General.—P. & O. S. N. Co.	
MEEFOO, Chinese steamer, 1,339, Frigate, 20th Oct.,—Shanghai 14th Oct., and Amoy 18th, General.—C. M. S. N. Co.	
MONOKU, British steamer, 859, N. G. Maler, 18th Oct.,—Samarang 22nd Oct., Rice.—Yuen Fat Hong.	
ON SANG, British steamer, 1,279, J. Young, 7th Oct.,—Saigon 1st Oct., Rice and Flour.—Jardine, Matheson & Co.	
PETRARCH, German steamer, 1,252, Necker, 8th Oct.,—Samarang 22nd Sept., and Labuan 30th,	

SABINE RICKMERS, British steamer, 690, J. R. Nasbet, R.N.R., 18th Oct.,—Shanghai 15th Oct., Ballast.—Arnhoff, Karberg & Co.

SANDAKAN, German steamer, 1,374 E. Mühle, 12th Sept.,—Sandakan 5th Oct., Timber.—Melchers & Co.

SIAM, British steamer, 992, J. F. Mosser, 16th Oct.,—Bangkok 5th Oct., General.—Bridley & Co.

SUISANO, British steamer, 1,776, E. J. Todd, 18th Oct.,—Calcutta 3rd Oct., Penang 9th, and Singapore 12th, Opium and General.—Jardine, Matheson & Co.

SYDNEY, French steamer, 4,232, Aubert, 13th Oct.,—Sydney 1st Sept.,—General.—Messageries Maritimes.

SZECHEUN, British steamer, 1,158, Hall, 18th Oct.,—Bangkok 10th Oct., Rice,—Butterfield & Swire.

TANISU MARU, Japanese steamer, 1,075, S. Nagai, 18th Oct.,—Amoy and Swatow 17th Oct., General.—Mitsui Bussan Kaisha.

TERKIER, Norwegian steamer, 1,008, G. Kampford, 14th Oct.,—Singapore 5th October, 14th Oct.—Order.

TETARTOS, German steamer, 1,374, T. Desler, 14th Oct.,—Saigon 9th October, Rice.—Siemssen & Co.

THYRA, Norwegian steamer, 2,150, Edwardsen, 12th Oct.,—Moji 6th Oct., Coal.—Butterfield & Swire.

WONGKOI, British steamer, 1,115, H. B. Brooke Bigot, 15th Oct.,—Bangkok 1st October, Teak and Rice, &c.—Chinese.

YUEANSANG, British steamer, 1,128, P. H. Kolfe, R.N.R., 18th Oct.,—Manila 13th Oct., and Amoy 17th, Hemp and Tobacco.—Jardine, Matheson & Co.

#### Bailing Vessels.

ADOLPH OBRIG, American ship, 1,302, Armsbury, 17th Oct.,—New York 5th May, Case Oil.—Standard Oil Co.

ETHA RICKMERS, German ship, 1,754, Joh. Benzel, 2nd Sept.,—Cardiff 13th May, Coal.—Arnhold, Karberg & Co.

GILO, German bark, 1,324, Hemmer, 8th Oct.,—New York 26th May, Kerosine Oil.—Standard Oil Co.

JOSEPHUS, American ship, 1,547, P. Gilkey, 30th Aug.,—New York 25th April, Case Oil.—Standard Oil Co.

LOTHAIR, Italian bark, 759, C. Lewanger, 1st Oct.,—Callao Peru 21st July, Iron.—Order.

MANUEL LAGUNA, American ship, 1,649, C. V. Smith, 7th Oct.,—Shanghai 3rd October, Ballast.—Siemssen & Co.

MAY FLINT, American ship, 3,576, R. Banfield, 20th Sept.,—New York 24th April, Case Oil.—Standard Oil Co.

MARY L. CUSHING, American bark, 1,540, 1st Oct.,—New York 16th May, Case Oil.—Order.

RETRIEVER, British schooner, 96, Parker, 8th Sept.,—Honolulu 16th July, Ballast.—Order.

REVUE, American ship, 1,828, D. Whitmore, 3rd Oct.,—New York 30th May, Case Oil.—Standard Oil Co.

SINLA, British 4-masted bark, 2,087, Huestis, 25th Aug.,—Cebu and Philippine Islands 22nd Aug., Ballast.—Order.

ST. JAMES, American bark, 1,453, R. M. Tapley, 29th Sept.,—Manila 13th Sept., Ballast.—Reuter, Bröckelmann & Co.

STANFIELD, British bark, 560, Wilson, 8th Oct.,—Rajang 17th Sept., Timber.—Order.

STATEN MAINE, American ship, 1,500, Colcord, 1st Oct.,—New York 20th May, Kerosine Oil.—Standard Oil Co.

WARATAH, British schooner, 25, Haynes, 23rd Sept.,—Takow 15th Sept., Ballast.—Mr. F. W. Hall.

WM. H. CONNER, American ship, 1,424, J. T. Erskine, 14th Oct.,—New York 7th May, and Rio Janeiro 11th July, Kerosine.—Standard Oil Co.

#### HER BRITANNIO MAJESTY'S SHIPS ON THE CHINA STATION.

Hongkong, October 21st, 1899.  
*Alacrity*, despatch-vessel, 1,700 tons, 10-6 p.d. q.t. guns, 3,000 i.h.p., Commander A. H. Smith-Dorrien, cruising.  
*Algérie*, sloop, 1,050 tons, 6 guns, 1,100 i.h.p., Comdr. C. J. W. Slade, Foochow.  
*Aurora*, British cruiser, 5,600 tons, Capt. E. H. Bayly, cruising.  
*Barrabar*, 1st class battleship, 13,000 tons, 14 guns, 11,163 i.h.p. Captain Hon. S. C. J. Colville, C.B., cruising.  
*Bonaventure*, 2nd class cruiser, 4,360 tons, 18 guns, 9,000 i.h.p., Capt. R. H. J. Montgomerie, U.B., R.N., Hongkong.  
*Brisk*, British cruiser, 1,770 tons, 6 guns, 5,600 h.p., Capt. Wrey, cruising.  
*Cerberus*, 1st class battleship, 10,900 tons, 14 guns, 9,000 i.h.p., Captain R. J. Jellicoe, cruising.  
*Daphne*, sloop, 1,140 tons, 8 guns, 2,000 i.h.p., Comdr. C. Winnington-Ingram, cruising.  
*Endymion*, British cruiser, 7,350 tons, Capt. G. A. Callaghan, Hongkong.  
*Esk*, coast defence gunboat, 363 tons, 3 guns, 200 i.h.p., Lieut.-Comdr. C. Chadwick, Shanghai.  
*Fame*, twin screw, torpedo-boat destroyer, 402 tons, 5,400 i.h.p., Lieut.-Comr. R. Keyes, cruising.  
*Firebrand*, 3rd class gunboat, 455 tons, 4 guns, 360 i.h.p., Hongkong.  
*Handy*, twin screw, torpedo-boat destroyer, 260 tons, 6 guns, 4,000 i.h.p., Hongkong.  
*Hari*, twin screw, torpedo-boat destroyer, 260 tons, 6 guns, 4,000 i.h.p., Hongkong.  
*Hermione*, 2nd class cruiser, 4,360 tons, 9,000 i.h.p., 18 guns, Capt. R. S. D. Cumming, Hongkong.  
*Humbly*, transport ship, 1,540 tons, 800 i.h.p., Cam. H. J. Davison, Hongkong.  
*Iphigenia*, 2nd class cruiser, 3,600 tons, 8 guns, 7,000 i.h.p., Capt. H. N. Dudding, cruising.  
*Linnæ*, gun-vessel, 750 tons, 2 heavy guns, 4 6-pounders, 870 i.h.p., Commander W. W. Smythe, cruising.  
*Orlando*, British cruiser, 5,600 tons, Capt. J. Burke, Japan.  
*Peach*, 1st class gunboat, 755 tons, 6 guns, 1,200 i.h.p., Lieut.-Comdr. P. S. St. John, Manila.  
*Pigmy*, 1st class gunboat, 755 tons, 6 guns, 1,200 i.h.p., Lieut.-Comdr. J. F. E. Green, Shanghai.  
*Plover*, 1st class gunboat, 755 tons, 6 guns, 1,200 i.h.p., Lieut.-Comdr. S. V. Y. De M. Cowper, Foochow.  
*Rattler*, 1st class gunboat, 755 tons, 6 guns, 1,200 i.h.p., Lieut.-Comr. The Hon. G. A. Herdington, en route Singapore.  
*Swift*, gun-vessel, 775 tons, 2 heavy guns, 4 6-pounders, 870 i.h.p., Foochow.  
*Tamar*, receiving ship, 4,600 tons, Comdr. Powell, Hongkong.  
*Tweed*, coast defence gunboat, 363 tons, 3 guns, 200 i.h.p., Hongkong.  
*Undaunted*, 1st class cruiser, 5,600 tons, 12 guns, 8,500 i.h.p., Capt. A. C. Clarke, en route Manila.  
*Victorious*, British battleship, 14,000 tons, 32 guns, 12,000 i.h.p., Captain A. Schomburgk, cruising.  
*Waterlily*, surveying vessel, 620 tons, Commander W. P. Dawson, Foochow.  
*Whiting*, twin screw, torpedo-boat destroyer, 420 tons, 6,000 i.h.p., Lieut.-Comdr. E. Kelly, cruising.

boats.

**Miscellaneous.**  
*Eino*, Italian cruiser, 5,530 tons, Capt. G. Giorello, Shanghai.  
*Kaiserin Elisabeth*, Austrian cruiser, 4,500 tons, 9,000 i.h.p., Capt. Julian, Hongkong.  
*Liberal*, Portuguese gunboat, 588 tons, Comdr. Cunha, Hongkong.  
*Siguria*, Italian cruiser, 4,500 tons, Captain Casetta, Hongkong.  
*Stromboli*, Italian cruiser, 3,350 tons, Captain Cantantini, Shanghai.

**JAPANESE MEN-OF-WAR.**

**Battle-ships.**  
*Yashiki*, 1st class, 12,400 tons, 38 guns, 14,000 h.p., at Yokohama.  
*Fuji*, 1st class, 12,450 tons, 33 guns, 14,000 h.p., at Nagasaki.  
*Chinyen*, and class, 7,330 tons, 22 guns, 6,200 h.p., Yokohama.

**Coast Defence Ships.**  
*Matsushima*, 1st class, 4,277 tons, 25 guns, 5,400 h.p., at Manila.  
*Iwakura*, 1st class, 4,277 tons, 35 guns, 5,400 h.p., at Nagasaki.  
*Hoshidate*, 1st class, 4,277 tons, 35 guns, 5,400 h.p., at Shimazu.  
*Kongo*, 2nd class, 2,550 tons, 13 guns, 2,035 h.p.  
*Hiyei*, 2nd class, 2,550 tons, 13 guns, 2,035 h.p., at Kobe.  
*Heiyen*, and class, 2,600 tons, 15 guns, 2,400 h.p.

**Cruisers.**  
*Kasagi*, protected cruiser, 1st class, 4,978 tons, 26 guns, 15,500 h.p.  
*Chitose*, protected cruiser, 1st class, 4,978 tons, 30 guns, 15,500 h.p.  
*Akashi*, protected cruiser, 1st class, 2,800 tons, 30 guns, 8,500 h.p.  
*Yoshino*, protected cruiser, 1st class, 4,150 tons, 32 guns, 15,000 h.p., at Chefoo.  
*Naniwa*, protected cruiser, 1st class, 3,709 tons, 24 guns, 7,120 h.p., at Manila.  
*Takachino*, protected cruiser, 1st class, 3,700 tons, 24 guns, 7,120 h.p.  
*Chiyoda*, protected cruiser, 1st class, 2,450 tons, 27 guns, 5,500 h.p.  
*Takasago*, protected cruiser, 1st class, 4,227 tons, 30 guns, 10,000 h.p., at Manila.  
*Akitusu*, protected cruiser, 1st class, 3,150 tons, 26 guns, 8,500 h.p.  
*Suna*, protected cruiser, 1st class, 2,700 tons, 24 guns, 8,500 h.p.  
*Idzumi*, protected cruiser, 1st class, 2,950 tons, 20 guns, 6,080 h.p.  
*Sai-yen*, protected cruiser, 1st class, 2,300 tons, 15 guns, 2,800 h.p.  
*Akikaze*, protected cruiser, 1st class, 2,300 tons, 15 guns, 2,800 h.p., at Manila.  
*Miyabo*, 2nd class, 1,800 tons, 34 guns, 5,000 h.p.  
*Tokido*, 2nd class, 1,764 tons, 15 guns, 2,400 h.p.  
*Yueyama*, 3rd class, 1,600 tons, 10 guns, 5,630 h.p.  
*Tsukushi*, 3rd class, 1,380 tons, 12 guns, 2,887 h.p.

**Bloops and Corvettes.**  
*Musashi*, 1,490 tons, 10 guns, 1,600 h.p.  
*Katsuragi*, 1,480 tons, 10 guns, 1,600 h.p.  
*Yamato*, 1,480 tons, 10 guns, 1,600 h.p.  
*Tsuru*, 1,350 tons, 10 guns, 1,165 h.p.  
*Kainan*, 1,350 tons, 10 guns, 1,125 h.p.  
*Amagi*, 1,050 tons, 13 guns, 720 h.p.

**Gun-boats.**  
*Oshino*, 640 tons, 10 guns, 1,200 h.p., at Kanko.  
*Akagi*, 620 tons, 10 guns, 700 h.p., at Chefoo.  
*Atago*, 620 tons, 10 guns, 700 h.p.  
*Maya*, 620 tons, 10 guns, 700 h.p.  
*Chokai*, 620 tons, 10 guns, 700 h.p., at Fusui.  
*Soko*, 572 tons, 4 guns, 400 h.p.  
*Shikishima*, 600 tons, 5 guns, 400 h.p.  
*Chino*, 490 tons, 5 guns, 472 h.p.  
*Chinetsu*, 490 tons, 5 guns, 472 h.p.  
*Chin Hokai*, 490 tons, 5 guns, 472 h.p.  
*Chin Pui*, 500 tons, 9 guns, 455 h.p.  
*Chin Chu*, 500 tons, 9 guns, 455 h.p.

**Torpedo-gunboats.**  
*Tatsuta*, 875 tons, 5 guns, 5 torpedo tubes, 530 h.p.

**Torpedo-boats.**  
*Ikadashi*, torpedo-boat destroyer, 331 tons, Comdr. I. Ishida, at Hongkong.  
*Kotaka*, 105 tons, 2 torpedo-tubes, 1,400 h.p.  
*Shirahoshi*, torpedo-boat, 278 tons, Comdr. Kosoma, en route Japan.  
*Shimotsu* (Creusot), 56 tons, 2 torpedo-tubes, 525 h.p.  
7 boats (Kobe), 56 tons, 2 torpedo-tubes, 525 h.p.  
1 boat (Normand), 75 tons, 2 torpedo-tubes, 1,300 h.p.  
2 boats (Schichau), 90 tons, 3 torpedo-tubes, 1,300 h.p.  
4 boats (Yarrow), 40 tons, 3 torpedo-tubes, 520 h.p.  
2 boats (Yarrow), 40 tons, 3 torpedo-tubes, 620 h.p.

**Miscellaneous.**  
*Rinjo*, armoured cruiser, 2,530 tons, 10 guns, 800 h.p.  
(used as gunnery training ship).  
*Kanjyu*, sailing-ship, 877 tons, 6 guns.  
(used as training ship).  
*Manjyu*, sailing-ship, 877 tons, 6 guns.  
(used as training ship).  
*Tsukuba*, wooden screw steamer, 1,989 tons, 10 guns, 520 h.p.  
(used as training ship).  
*Asama*, sailing corvette, 1,420 tons, 12 guns.  
(used as a hulk).  
*Jinget* wooden paddle steamer, 1,465 tons; 3 small guns.  
(used as torpedo training ship).

**Post Office.**

A Mail will close:—  
For Canton—*Per Powan* to-morrow, the 23rd instant, at 9 A.M.  
For Swatow—*Per H. J. Kiar* on Monday, the 23rd instant, at 11 A.M.  
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For Sandakan—*Per Sandakan* on Tuesday, the 24th instant, at 11 A.M.  
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For Singapore, Penang and Calcutta—*Per Sultang* on Wednesday, the 25th instant, at 10 A.M.  
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